



THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP

The Woodlands, TX

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Friday, May 29, 2020

Township News

ACTION GUIDE
www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/signupforfun
SUMMER 2020

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Texas TreeVentures is open for summer bookings!
www.texastreeventures.com

Aquatics, Dance, Bingo, Camps, Leagues, Tennis and More!
Click on the Summer 2020 activities you are interested in on page 2 for more information!

The Woodlands Township is committed to preserving your safety while maintaining the integrity of organized recreation. With everyone contributing, we CAN have safe recreation!

Township summer programs now available

Summer is quickly approaching and The Woodlands Township is pleased to re-open a number of summer programs for the community to enjoy. Given the unprecedented situation surrounding COVID-19, summer programs have been adjusted to better serve the community in a safer manner.

To learn more about summer camps, swimming lessons, adult programs, sports leagues and more, please see the Summer 2020 Action Guide online at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/actionguide. Registration for summer programs is available now!

For a list of open and closed facilities in The Woodlands Township, please visit <https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1495/Re-opening-of-The-Woodlands>.



Sawdust Park and Ride Facility Resumes Partial Service

Effective Monday, June 1, 2020, The Woodlands Township will be restoring partial service for The Woodlands Express from the Sawdust Park and Ride location.

- Reduced service from the Research Forest Park and Ride will continue.
- Sterling Ridge Park & Ride location will remain temporarily closed.
- Future announcements will be made if additional schedule adjustments are implemented.
- Even though reduced, service from Sawdust will include Downtown Houston, the Texas Medical Center, and Greenway Plaza locations. Please view the [revised schedule](#).
- The midday run back from Texas Medical Center and Downtown to the Sawdust Park and Ride will remain in place.
- Riders are encouraged to download and use the mobile ticketing app. More information can be found here: <https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1453/Mobile-Ticketing>
- All passengers are highly encouraged to wear masks. All drivers will be wearing face masks while on duty.
- All buses are being limited to 50% occupancy with spare buses available to ensure plenty of capacity for all passengers for all runs. Other social distancing and enhanced disinfection protocols are also in place. Please visit our Twitter page at

<https://twitter.com/TownshipTransit> for the latest service updates. For schedules, route maps and ticketing information visit www.woodlandstransit.com or call (281) 210-3800 and ask for the Transportation Department.



Try A Water Bike at Riva Row Boat House

The Woodlands Township recently began offering water bikes as a new and exciting rental option at Riva Row Boat House. Water bikes are being added to the many rental options already available at Riva Row, including single and tandem (or double) kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and swan pedal boats. [Read more](#) about water bikes at the Riva Row Boat House.

#Township Together



Send us your photos! The Woodlands Township is calling on residents to share images of inspiration within the community. These can be a photo of something seen in the neighborhood, a family project or anything with a positive message. These will be shared

through the Township email updates, social media channels and on [The Woodlands Township website](#). Send your photos to TownshipTogether@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.

Thinking About a Home Improvement?

Applications for improvements are being reviewed and acted on by Township Covenant Administration staff. Applications can be mailed or submitted online. Please visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covenants for additional information. Applications can be **submitted online** to: covad@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.



Did You Know?

Nearly 100 volunteers have come together to remove invasive species from pathways and green spaces in The Woodlands. Common culprits like air potato vine, Japanese climbing fern and Nandini overtake native species, which our local wildlife depends on. Learn how you can help [stop the spread here](#).

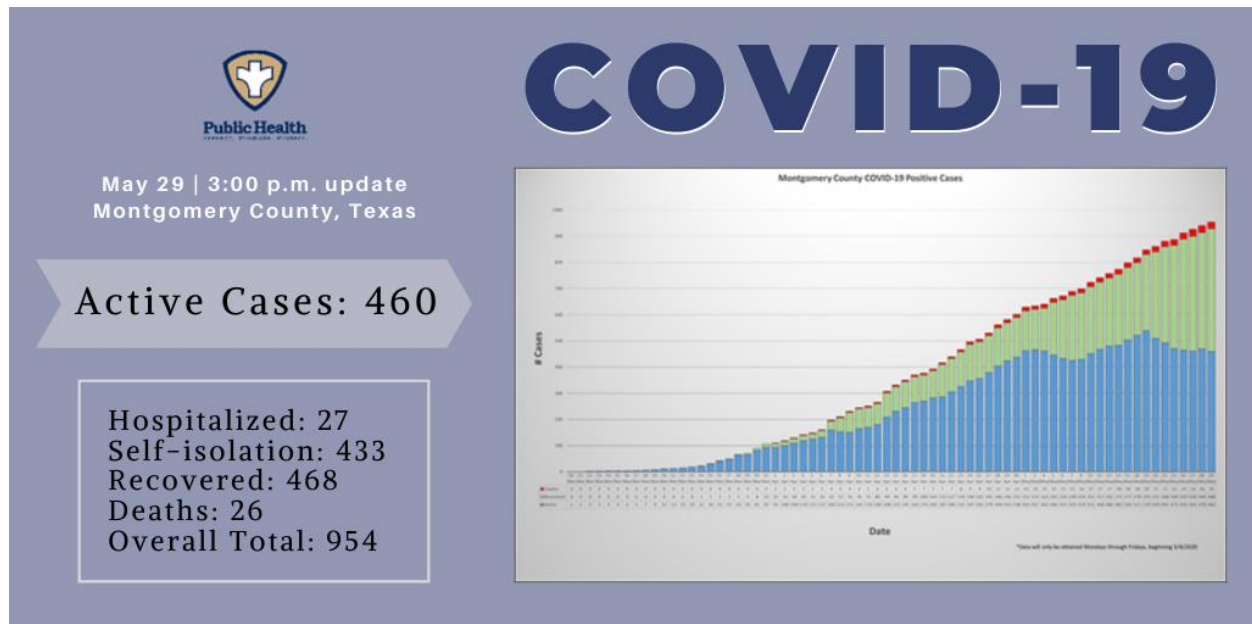
County News

Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm the number of ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 has decreased to 460 today. That number includes 27 hospitalizations. 468 people have fully recovered. The number of total positive cases has increased 14 since yesterday to 954.

You can view the list of case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>. You can refer to the dashboard here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.

The MCHD/MCPHD COVID-19 Call Center is open for residents needing COVID-19 testing through a voucher program, or for general questions, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The next update will be Monday, June 1, 2020. Have a safe and healthy weekend.



Kroger will have another testing site from May 31 through June 2, 2020, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 22296 Market Place Dr., New Caney, Texas 77357. Kroger asks that you register online to expedite the testing process at [krogerhealth.com/covidtesting](https://www.krogerhealth.com/covidtesting). If you are not able to register online, Kroger will be able to register you on site. Thank you to Commissioner James Metts and Danny Signorelli for partnering with Kroger for this testing site.

Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) publishes their daily case count, combined with the City of Houston's daily case count, here: <https://tinyurl.com/tzymvk5>. Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found by clicking on areas of the [map](#).

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389 and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County. Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 85 confirmed positive cases with 34 active cases and 77389 has 51 confirmed positive cases with 13 active cases.

SOCIAL DISTANCING KEEPS US SAFER

The Woodlands Township encourages residents to observe CDC guidelines for social distancing and safety.



Wear cloth face coverings or masks in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Face coverings may help to slow the spread of the virus.



Keep a 6-foot distance from those who are not in your immediate household when in public.



Wash your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer.

Stay safe!

Stay informed at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19

Around the Township



The Woodlands Farmer's Market Now Open Saturday Mornings from 8 a.m. to noon

The Woodlands Farmer's Market re-opened May 23, 2020! Customers are encouraged to check the [website](#), [Facebook page](#) or newsletter for definite details including phases in which the market will open, participating vendors, and best practices for visitors.

The market now has a different layout in order to promote social distancing for customers and vendors. Instead of having two aisles with the vendors facing each other, the vendors will be in a rectangle with the customers walking on the outside. There will be hand sanitizer stands and markers to help customers.



5/30 TWFM Layout



The opening of the market will occur in phases. Phase 1 will be Food / Produce Vendors Only. Phase 2 and what vendor categories will be included will be determined at a later date. In order to keep customers, vendors and volunteers safe, the Marketing Committee has closely examined best practices from farmer's markets and farmer's market associations from across the United States.

Consequently, The Woodlands Farmer's Market will be implementing the following prudent best practices (which may be subject to change):

TO MINIMIZE RISK TO ALL AND SLOW THE SPREAD, PLEASE

- If you are feeling ill, do not enter
- Masks are required for all
- In and out quickly, no lingering
- Sanitize hands before entering market
- Follow social distancing – 6 feet apart
- Please do not touch products, vendors will help you

- Preorder and pay online when possible
- Pay by card or exact change
- No pets, unless you have a service animal
- Please leave children at home
- Avoid groups or gathering of more than 2
- No food or drink at the market



Open Stores at Market Street

Several retailers at Market Street are currently open, and more will be opening in the coming weeks. Market Street management notes that individual retailers may require a mask and additional safety requirements upon entry, so customers are encouraged to call ahead to verify hours and guidelines. Visit their [website](#) for the list of currently open stores, phone numbers and Market Street's safety guidelines as it relates to common areas.



Open Stores in The Woodlands Mall

The Woodlands Mall reopened on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Visit their website for the list of [currently open stores](#), [safety measures](#) and [curbside pickup options](#).



Open Hotels in The Woodlands

Many of The Woodlands hotel properties are open and ready to welcome you to their location. The Woodlands Resort re-opened on May 20, 2020, and will be open every day. Find all the details on the Resort's [website](#). [The Embassy Suites](#) is opening their doors on June 1, 2020. Below is a list of all open hotels in The Woodlands at this time. Be sure to stay up to date by viewing [Visit The Woodlands](#).

- [Best Western Plus](#)
- [Candlewood Suites](#)
- [Drury Inn The Woodlands](#)
- [Fairfield Inn and Suites](#)
- [Hilton Garden Inn](#)
- [Hyatt Place](#)
- [Residence Inn Lakefront Drive](#)
- [Residence Inn Market Street](#)
- [The Woodlands Resort](#)

Community Resources

Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the link below to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19:

<http://thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/1491/Community-Resources>



***Type O blood especially is in demand, and we're asking you to come in and donate today!
Together, we are united in one mission: Saving lives.***

With surgeries starting back up at local hospitals, the need for more blood donations is growing daily. Your blood donation is essential to keep the blood supply strong and steady. Without ongoing donors, we cannot ensure patients have the blood they need.

You Never Know Whose Life You Might Save

So don't miss your chance to save lives! Click the underlined link below to reserve your donation appointment. Thank you in advance.

[Woodland Oaks Church Of Christ](#)

Sunday, June 7, 2020

7:30 a.m. to noon

7300 Crownridge (Church Parking Lot)

The Woodlands, TX 77382

The Blood Center is now requiring that donors wear a mask or face covering when at a blood drive. In the case that you do not have one, staff will offer you one. The safety of donors and staff are important to us. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Red Cross Family Assistance

The American Red Cross has launched a Virtual Family Assistance Center (VFAC) to support families struggling with loss and grief due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Red Cross is here to provide compassion and support to families as they grieve.

To help, the Red Cross has set up a virtual team of specially trained mental health, spiritual care and health services volunteers who are:

- Connecting with families over the phone to offer condolences, support and access to resources that may be available
- Providing support for virtual memorial services for families, including connecting with local faith-based community partners
- Hosting online classes to foster resilience and facilitate coping skills (Coping in Today's World and Psychological First Aid)
- Sharing information and referrals to state and local agencies as well as other community organizations including legal resources for estate, custody, immigration or other issues
- Front-line responders, such as healthcare workers, workers at long-term care facilities, and other essential personnel dealing with families of COVID-19 patients, are welcome to call as well.

All Family Assistance Center support will be provided virtually and is completely confidential and free.

Please visit www.redcross.org/vfac to access a support hub with special virtual programs, information, referrals and services to support families in need. The hub will also connect people to other community resources provided by partners. People without internet access can call 833-492-0094 for help.

Township's Coronavirus page

The Woodlands Township's special COVID-19 information page can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris county Hubs, community resources and updated COVID-19 news from the Federal Government and the CDC. This page also includes the latest news from The Township, updates from partner agencies, social distancing strategies, important links, frequently asked questions, live Twitter feeds and more.

Stay Connected

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed.

The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding the COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme.